Educated unemployed persons

2404. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of educated unemployed persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in Delhi;

(b) the number of job seekers who come out of different universities and colleges every year in Delhi;

(c) whether Government have formulated any fresh scheme to provide employment opportunities to them; and

(d) if so, the broad outline thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The total number of educated (matric & above) job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the live register of employment exchanges in Delhi as on 30.6.98 was 7.86 lakh. During 1997 a total number of 82,900 job-seekers educated mostly from University & Colleges in Delhi registered themselves with the Employment Exchanges.

(c) and (d) The strategy of the Ninth Plan envisages adoption of technologies which are labour intensive, which are simple, cost effective and easily adaptable in regions characterised by high rate of unemployment and underemployment, improvement in the quality of employment with special thrust on prductivity. Recognising the high incidence of underemployment and increasing casualisation of labour, the Ninth Plan willl also implement a National Employment Assurance Scheme.

For educated unemployed in urban areas including Delhi, special employment programmes for self-employment like Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Swarana Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) are being implemented.

Welfare measures for agricultural workers

2405. SHRI A. VIJAY RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the existing welfare measures to assist the agricultural labourers;

(b) the States which introduced separate agricultural labour Acts;

(c) whether Government will introduce any such bill to safeguard the interests of the agricultural labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) The Government are implementing a number of poverty alleviation and employment generation schemes like Integrated Rural Development Programme, (IRDP), Jawahar Rojgar Yojna (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Indira Awas Yojna (IAY), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Development of Women and children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) etc., which are designed especially to benefit rural poor including agricultural labourers.

(b) Kerala and Tripura.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proposed Bill provides for regulations of employment and working conditions of agricultural workers and certain welfare measures to them.

Women workers in fish processing industry

2406. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the total number of women workers in the fish processing industry;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the managements are not keeping any record of the contract workers in these industries; and